

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT CAPITAL FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003, 2:00 P.M.
Room 403, State Capitol Building**

Members Present: Sen. Beverly Evans, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Loraine T. Pace, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Greg Bell
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Rep. Roger Barrus
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Stephen Clark
Rep. Wayne Harper
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow

Staff Present: Kevin Walthers, Fiscal Analyst
Jonathan Ball, Technology Analyst
Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

List of those also present: Commissioner Cecelia H. Foxley, Higher Education
Mark Spencer, Associate Commissioner, Higher Education
President Kermit L. Hall, Utah State University
Provost Stan Albrecht, Utah State University
President Bernie Machen, University of Utah
David W. Pershing, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs,
University of Utah
Sarah C. Michalak, Director of the Marriott Library, U of U
Mike Perez, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management,
University of Utah
President Ann Millner, Weber State University
Norm Tarbot, Vice President, Administrative Services, WSU
Dennis Geary, Director of Facilities, College of Eastern Utah
Lucille Stoddard, Interim President, Utah Valley State College
Val Peterson, Vice President, Administrative Services and Public
Relations, Utah Valley State College
Lynn Cundiff, President, Salt Lake Community College
President Robert Huddleston, Dixie State College
Dr. David Borris, Dean of Business, Technology and Health, DSC
Ned Carnahan, Executive Director of Campus Services, DSC
President Steve Bennion, Southern Utah University

Greg Stauffer, Vice President, Academic Facilities, SUU
Dorian Page, Associate Vice President, SUU
President Michael Benson, Snow College
President Richard Jones, UBATC/USU Campus
President Richard Maughan, Bridgerland ATC
Chad Campbell, Vice President, ATC

List of others present on file.

Co-Chair Pace called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Co-Chair Evans will be late and is excused as she is attending the funeral of a family member.

Commissioner Cecelia H. Foxley, Higher Education, stated that two-thirds of the funding from this Committee is for Higher Education. She thanked the Committee for its support and efforts. Referring to the requests for funding for libraries at the U of U and USU, she stated that the libraries are the heart of research schools.

Mark Spencer, Associate Commissioner, Higher Education, distributed a handout and explained how the Board of Regents determines their Priority List.

1. Utah State University

President Kermit L. Hall and Provost Stan Albrecht presented information on the Merrill Library Replacement. President Hall stated that the 2002 Legislature authorized the project to proceed with programming and design and appropriated \$800,000 for this purpose. At that time the base budget for capital projects included \$21 million over the capital improvement base budget, approximately half of the additional \$42.2 million needed to fund the new library. With ongoing cuts made since the 2002 General Session, only \$7.6 million remains for development projects.

Provost Albrecht stated that the Merrill Library was originally constructed in 1930 and then entombed by building additions in the 1960's. The additions were not designed to function as a single building as now needed. It is inadequate in space and function. DFCM has determined that the Merrill Library has the most severe life safety risks of all projects currently requested.

Mr. Albrecht also stated that critical fire safety deficiencies include: (1) the lack of a fire suppression system and fire separation, and (2) inadequate fire exiting and fire detection

and alarm systems. The building contains a substantial amount of flammable material. Fire and smoke would spread quickly while occupants would have difficulty escaping.

The total request for FY 04 is \$42,200,000.

The total estimated cost is \$43,000,000.

2. University of Utah

President Bernie Machen introduced David W. Pershing, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Sarah C. Michalak, Director of the Marriott Library; and Mike Perez, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management.

Mr. Pershing explained that the University's library programs and the State collections are housed in the J. Willard Marriott Library composed of the original 1968 building and a 1996 addition. He stated that an engineering study funded by the University determined that the life safety problems within the library warranted placement at the top of the institutional priority list. The remodeling project as anticipated by the University was found to be unworkable due to severe seismic needs within the existing structure. Instead of requesting \$12 million in State funds to match \$6 million in donations, the cost of the project jumped to \$41.4 million and the institution promised to fund \$17 million from gifts.

In addition, the Senior Vice President stated that the project will renovate the original building, including an upgrade to the structural, electrical and HVAC systems. It will also reorganize the space and upgrade the interior and exterior finishes, furnishings and equipment. The budget includes \$6,000,000 for an automated storage retrieval system.

Mr. Perez said that while it met code when constructed, the structural system in the original library does not meet current seismic standards and the building would be in jeopardy in a seismic event.

Ms. Michalak responded to questions from Committee members on accreditations of the University taking into account the problems with inadequate seismic standards.

The total request for FY04 is \$41,416,000.

The total estimated cost is \$58,416,000.

3. Weber State University

President Ann Millner distributed a handout and presented information on the Swenson

Gymnasium Remodel/Renovation project. She stated that the Swenson Gymnasium is an 85,000 square-foot teaching facility that has served WSU for the past 40 years. It is used primarily as a home for WSU's Health Promotion and Human Performance Department which generates approximately 20,000 student credit hours annually.

Ms. Millner stated that there have been no major renovations to the facility. DFCM's evaluation identified multiple deficiencies in the building's infrastructure and systems. The \$5.5 million in requested State funds would address the needs identified by this evaluation.

Norm Tarbot, Vice President, Administrative Services, explained the fire and life safety issues regarding the building. He also stated that in addition to the \$5.5 million being requested, the University has received \$3 million in private funding to support some enhancements to the building; which include a doubling of classroom space, renovated offices for faculty, an adjunct faculty workroom, and enhanced support space for the department's instructional programs.

Mr. Tarbot explained that student enrollment had increased substantially during the past three years.

The total request for FY 04 is \$5,499,000.
The total estimated cost is \$8,499,000.

4. College of Eastern Utah

Dennis Geary, Director of Facilities, presented information regarding the Fine Arts Complex project. He stated that it includes construction of a new art and administration facility, renovation or replacement of the existing Geary Theatre, and demolition of the existing Music Building, Theatre restroom, and Science Building.

Mr. Geary further explained that the resulting facility will house the art instruction and gallery, dance instruction and performance, music instruction and performance, theatre instruction and performance and college administration. The performing and graphic arts programs have been among the College's fastest growing areas.

In summary, Mr. Geary stated that the College has raised \$1 million in donations for this project. The total estimated cost is \$12,491,000.

The total request for FY 04 is \$11,491,000.
The total estimated cost is \$12,491,000.

5. Utah Valley State College

Lucille Stoddard, Interim President, distributed a handout and presented information regarding the request of UVSC for the Vineyard School and Alpine Center Purchase. These two facilities would be purchased from the Alpine School District. She stated that the project also includes some minor remodeling to classrooms and offices and an upgrade of restrooms and the phone and data systems.

Ms. Stoddard stated that UVSC continues to be the fastest growing institution of higher education in Utah, with an average annual increase of FTE students of 9.9%. She introduced Val Peterson, Vice President, Administrative Services and Public Relations, who explained that the College would gain 12 acres of land and approximately 100,000 of additional square footage.

The total request for FY 04 is \$9,000,000.

The total estimated cost is \$9,000,000.

6. Salt Lake Community College

Lynn Cundiff, President, distributed a handout and presented information regarding the Health Sciences Building project. He stated that Utah is facing a healthcare crisis; and with dramatic population increases expected in coming years, Utah must increase its capacity to produce trained professionals to meet growing healthcare demands. Since 1996, student enrollments have increased dramatically in the health sciences programs.

President Cundiff explained that continued growth of the SLCC health sciences programs is restricted by their instructional facilities. Inadequate or inappropriate classrooms, burgeoning enrollments, increasing faculty needs and the need for a wide range of training options have required them to spread these programs across multiple campuses.

In a collaborative effort with Intermountain Health Care, Mr. Cundiff said, 40 new nursing students were added to the program last year and an additional 40 students are enrolled for next year bringing the total number of students to 320, an increase of 33% in two years.

President Cundiff stated that the project includes 68,200 gross square feet for a 500-seat general purpose lecture hall, study space, student services, and new programs. It also includes a 25,000 square foot basement space that could be used for storage or other needs. The total estimated cost is \$19,155,000, with an annual operating/maintenance cost of approximately \$612,000.

The total request for FY 04 is \$19,155,000.

The total estimated cost is \$19,155,000.

7. Dixie College

President Robert Huddleston distributed a handout and presented information regarding the health Sciences Building project proposed by Dixie College. He stated that the information provided by Salt Lake Community College for the Salt Lake area on the shortage of health care workers applied to the St. George area, also.

The President stated that currently, the Health Sciences programs are housed in a facility that was previously used to provide laboratory space for the aircraft mechanic's program. Limited remodeling was done to convert the space for use by Health Sciences. Further, the College initiated the Health Sciences programs in the 1995/1996 school year. Enrollment has grown from 24 FTE students to 210 FTEs.

Dr. David Borris, Dean of Business, Technology and Health, stated that there is a 40% increase in the demand for nurses due to the increased population of the St. George area. He explained that the College is trying to meet the critical needs demands for health care workers.

President Huddleston stated that the College has a working relationship with IHC, which would expand with increased trained health care workers.

Ned Carnahan, Executive Director of Campus Services, explained that the new facility would be equipped with human patient simulators and modern health care instruments and monitoring devices. These will be housed in a mock hospital, dental and other clinic settings to provide students with safer and more realistic training scenarios.

The total request for FY 04 \$15,716,000.

The total estimated cost is \$15,716,000.

8. Southern Utah University

President Steve Bennion distributed a handout and presented information regarding the Teacher Education Building project at SUU. He introduced Greg Stauffer, Vice President, Academic Facilities; and Dorian Page, Associate Vice President. President Bennion expressed appreciation to the Committee for their support and funding in the past. He stated that this presentation has been made for several years, and the request

remains much the same.

The President explained that the Teacher Education Program is currently housed in the Old Main Building which was constructed in 1898 as the first building on the campus. It is inadequate to meet this program's needs in regards to space, functionality and technology. The facility will be located on the site of the former Cedar Middle School which was purchased by SUU. He stated that teacher education is the heart and soul of SUU and has been at the core of the University's mission for over a century. Over the past nine years, student enrollment has increased by 70%. SUU is the second highest producer of new teachers among the State's public universities and 78% of SUU graduates teach in Utah schools.

The total request for FY04 is \$15,296,000.

The total estimated cost is \$15,296,000.

9. Snow College

President Michael Benson expressed appreciation to the Committee for the funding of the Humanities and Arts Building at Snow College and presented information regarding the new classroom building project at Snow College. He explained that five buildings will be razed for construction of this new classroom building to house the Social Science Division and a portion of the Business Department. President Benson requested intent language for bond approval to renovate the Activities Center. This would be a \$1million to a \$1½ million bond.

President Benson stated that the existing Social Science Building was originally constructed in 1938 as an auto paint shop. It is scheduled to be demolished as part of the Performing Arts project that is currently under construction. The portion of the Business Department that will be housed in the new classroom building is currently housed on the College's West Campus which is about four blocks from the main campus. Every program that has been moved to the West Campus has suffered due to the distance that students must go to attend classes.

The total request for FY04 \$4,473,000.

The total estimated cost is \$5,223,000.

10. Utah College of Applied Technology

President Richard Jones, UBATC/USU Campus, and President Richard Maughan, Bridgerland ATC, distributed a handout and presented information regarding the new

building projects on their respective campuses. President Jones asked the Committee to excuse President Fitch who was unable to attend this meeting and introduced Chad Campbell, Vice President.

President Jones stated that the UBATC/USU Vernal Campus project will substantially expand a branch campus in Vernal adjacent to Uintah High School. This would provide a new, expanded facility for programs currently addressed through space in the high school, portable classrooms, and the Roosevelt campuses of UBATC and USU. Currently, 246 Uintah High School students are bussed for concurrent enrollment classes. The proposed classrooms will be able to serve a projected five to six hundred students without bussing.

President Maughan explained that the prioritization of these projects is different from the other project requests the Committee has heard. He expressed appreciation to the Committee for the support they have given UCAT in the past. The President stated that the project he is requesting funding for is the Advanced Technology Building - Phase 1. This project has been approved by the UCAT Board of Trustees; all education partners and service agencies in the Bear River region; and the Utah State Building Board, through the Utah State Board of Education, and is on the five-year planning project list for FY 2004.

President Maughan stated that he would like to make a new proposal for the consideration of the Committee. That is that this Committee would approve funding to purchase the existing Bourns building in Logan. This would be cost effective because it would cost less to purchase this building than to build a new one. There would be no need to remodel and with the 80,000 square feet it would equal two phases of the three proposed phases needed.

The total request for FY04 for UBATC/USU Vernal Campus is \$10,525,000. The total cost is \$10,525,000.

The total request for FY04 for Bridgerland ATC Advanced Technology Building is \$6,692,000. The total cost is \$6,692,000.

11. Other Business

Mr. Walthers distributed a letter from President Michael T. Benson, Snow College, and a letter from Sevier County regarding the Multi Events Center in Richfield on the campus of Snow College South, stating their support for this project.

The Analyst responded to questions from Committee members regarding bond debt.

MOTION: Rep. Barrus moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Goodfellow absent for the vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Pace.

The minutes were reported by Bonnie Brinton

Sen. Beverly Evans
Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Loraine T. Pace
Committee Co-Chair